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Arbor Day

## Eleanor Roosevelt Is Honored With New Satyr Hill Holly Tree

by Haley Kerby



PHOTO BY JAMES WISNIEWSKI

City councilmembers, the Advisory Committee on Trees, and members of Public Works prepare to plant the Eleanor Roosevelt Tree.

The City of Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Trees joined with city council members on Saturday, April 9 to plant a tree on the lawn between the Community Center and the Library

as part of the city's Arbor Day observance. The newly installed Satyr Hill holly will be known as the Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Tree. This is part of a citywide initiative that is distributing trees

and shrubs to Greenbelters in celebration of the environmental holiday. The tree sits in a stone enclosure that resembles an old well.

## Council Considers ARPA Details

by Johanna Goderre

The ongoing process to determine how to spend \$21 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding was raised several times during Greenbelt City Council's April 11 meeting. Initially, Greenbelt Station residents spoke during Petitions and Requests, describing a lack of amenities in their housing development like recreation, community spaces and shopping. They raised ideas such as purchasing the Prince George's Scrap facility on Branchville Road, then invest-

ing in soil and groundwater remediation needed to convert it to recreation facilities. (The property appears to be on unincorporated land just outside Greenbelt city limits.) Franklin Park residents highlighted their ongoing need for additional rental assistance. All community ideas must be submitted by Friday, April 15 to be analyzed by Raftelis, the consulting group engaged by the city to coordinate public input, for their report to council's May 10 ARPA Redocumentation Discus-

sion worksession, and ultimately considered for the next annual budget starting July 1.

Acting City Manager Tim George reported the community's engagement with the website [engagegreenbelt.org](http://engagegreenbelt.org) far exceeded Raftelis' predictions with over 2,130 hits. Additionally, residents have submitted 287 surveys and about 10 emails to the city. While only 34 individuals attended in-person sessions, George

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## Five Gubernatorial Candidates Speak, Answer Questions at Forum

by Destiny Herbers

Five Democratic candidates in Maryland's 2022 Gubernatorial Primary Election gathered in Greenbelt on Sunday, April 3 to answer questions from residents about their campaign policies. The forum, hosted by the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club at the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136, was moderated by It's Academic host Dave Zahren.

Candidates Jon Baron, Doug Gansler, Ashwani Jain, Tom Perez and Jerome Segal gave

prepared statements and each answered three questions collected from attendees.

Candidates were asked to weigh in on various public transportation plans, including the Northeast SCMaglev line, which may cross sections of Greenbelt, and expansion of the Capital Beltway.

Perez firmly said he opposes maglev because it does not serve people who most need mass

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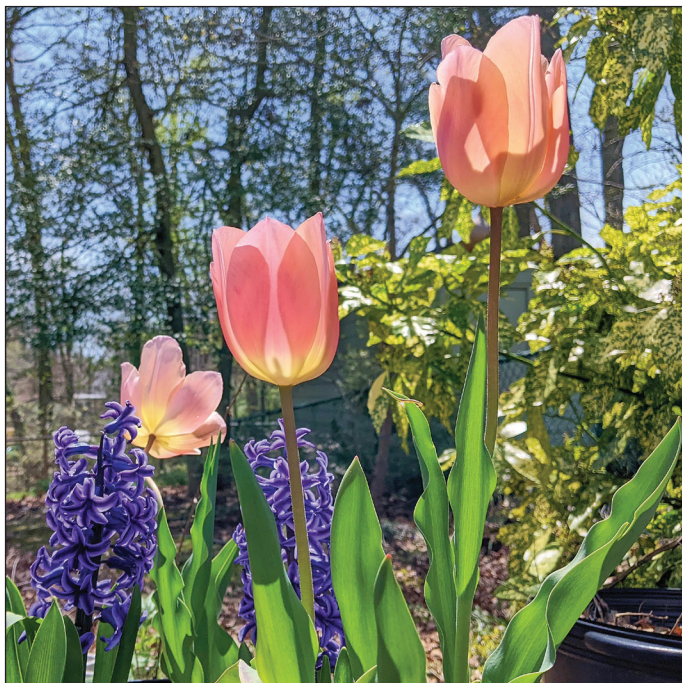


PHOTO BY JOHANNA GODERRE

The fruits of labor from fall planting

## Goddard Shares Its Future Developments with Council

by Matthew Arbach

NASA Goddard Space Flight Center has had a thriving year of missions, developments and outreach programs despite the challenges of the pandemic. Associate Center Director Ray Rubilotta gave a presentation on these efforts to Greenbelt City Council on March 21. Both council and Rubilotta agreed on the vital and proud relationship between the city and the Center, expressing

the shared commitment to help both entities move forward.

Rubilotta first reported on the James Webb Space Telescope. Launched on December 25, 2021, it has attained its proper orbit and is now operational. Its first calibration photo revealed "galaxies that we didn't know existed," said Rubilotta, and like its predecessor, the Hubble Space Telescope, will "rewrite the books."

### Covid Status

The Center is now deemed in the green Covid category, removing the universal mandate of wearing masks; masks continue to be a personal option. Around 95 percent of employees are vaccinated. With 10,000 employees as its normal on-site complement, the number working at the Center is now over 4,000; as a comparison, when the Center was at its most Covid restrictive, no more than 8 percent were on site.

The Visitor Center will move to Stage One on Sunday, May 1,

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Students of Lakeland Elementary School pose for a class photo in 1949. Lakeland Elementary School was a Rosenwald School on Winnipeg Street, the current site of Lake Artemesia. See Reel and Meal story, page 3.

### What Goes On

Monday, April 18

No Council Meeting: Easter Monday

Wednesday, April 20

8 p.m., Budget Worksession: Planning, Economic Development, Municipal Building

See the city ad on page 5 and the meetings calendar at [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov) for more information.



# Letters to the Editor

## State Leads, City Watches

Back in March, in reference to the Commanders search for a new stadium, Governor Larry Hogan said, “We’re not going to get in a bidding war over them and we’re not going to be proposing \$1.2 billion for them to build a new stadium.” Instead, Maryland’s legislature is moving through up to \$400 million to provide updated infrastructure around FedEx Field if Dan Snyder seeks to develop a new stadium at the team’s current site. Thus, in the past few weeks, Hogan and the Maryland legislature have demonstrated exactly how business development should work. Governments should provide infrastructure and logistical support to new and existing business owners without providing money directly.

In good news, our local government understands, like Hogan, that tax breaks and subsidies are not effective tools to spur business development. Nevertheless, our own Mayor Emmett Jordan

and council continue to obstruct business development via apathy. After dozens and dozens of work-sessions, very little legislation has been written and passed overall, much less legislation related to business development. Jordan has engaged with his Facebook page plenty of times but has not engaged with the business owners of Greenbelt in a meaningful way, much less with out-of-town business owners that may wish to expand into Greenbelt and with up-and-coming business entrepreneurs.

Moreover, it’s important we move with speed to support businesses and ride this wave of economic recovery and growth. It’s time we had fewer worksessions focused on talking and less time spent focused on councilmembers’ Facebook pages. We need to develop a real plan for providing infrastructure and other support, or Greenbelt will once again miss out of this latest economic boom cycle.

Alexander Zajac



## Annual Egg Hunt Has New Day and Location

The city’s Annual Egg Hunt has a new location and date this year. It will be held at Schrom Hills Park on Saturday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to noon and is free for children 18 months to 4th grade. Come celebrate Spring at an egg-citing event. Bring baskets to collect the eggs; each age group will have one golden egg hidden among the other eggs. There will also be a special visit from the Spring Bunny. Don’t forget to bring cameras.



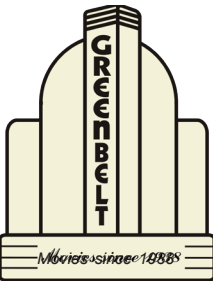
## How to Help Ukraine

The City of Greenbelt has posted on its website a list of charities that support the people of Ukraine as they fight against Russian invaders. The city identifies 13 groups that are doing work in Ukraine including the well-known Doctors Without Borders as well as the lesser-known GoFundMe projects aimed at keeping journalists going. The list can be viewed under News on [greenbeltnmd.gov](http://greenbeltnmd.gov). The source of the list is the Washington Post.



PHOTO BY KAREN KNEE

From left, Frank Gervasi, Donna Hoffmeister, Jane Young, Maggie Brown, Marj Donn and Bill Orleans are among those who support Ukraine at Roosevelt Center. Other participants are welcome, signs provided if desired, 2-3 p.m. every Sunday (or just drop by briefly), weather permitting.



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**SCREEN 2 (S2) - THE SCREENING ROOM, CAPPED AT 20**

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**SAT. 5:00 PM, 8:15 PM SCREEN 2**  
**SUN. 2:00 PM (OC), 5:15 PM SCREEN 1**  
**MON. 2:00 PM, 5:15 PM SCREEN 1**

**CODA (PG-13) (CC) (DVS) (2022) (111 MINS)**

**FRI. 5:30 PM, 8:30 PM SCREEN 1**

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## On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

### Everything Everywhere All at Once

Directed by Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert, this hilarious and big-hearted sci-fi action film tells the tale of Evelyn Wang (Michelle Yeoh), an aging Chinese immigrant and the weary owner of a laundromat under IRS audit who is swept up in an insane adventure, where she alone can save the world by exploring other universes connecting with the lives she could have led. Unfortunately, this sweeps her up into an even bigger adventure when she finds herself lost in the infinite worlds of the multiverse. “The kung fu/science fiction/metaphysical action comedy that you didn’t know you needed, but just might love,” said Brian Lowry of CNN Entertainment. Rated R, running time 140 minutes

### CODA

Seventeen-year-old Ruby (Emilia Jones) is the sole hearing member of a deaf family – a CODA, child of deaf adults. Her life revolves around acting as interpreter for her parents (Marlee Matlin, Troy Kotsur) and working on the family’s struggling fishing boat every day before school with her father and older brother (Daniel Durant). But when Ruby joins her high school’s choir club, she discovers a gift for singing and soon finds herself drawn to her duet partner Miles (Ferdia Walsh-Peelo). Encouraged by her enthusiastic, tough-love choirmaster (Eugenio Derbez) to apply to Berklee College of Music, a prestigious music school, Ruby finds herself torn between the obligations she feels to her family and the pursuit of her own dreams. CODA won the 2022 Oscar for Best Picture and Troy Kotsur won for Best Supporting Actor. Rated PG-13, running time 111 minutes



# Community Events

## Boxwood Village Scholarship Open

The Boxwood Village Civic Association offers an annual \$500 scholarship to a current Boxwood Village resident. It is available to graduating high school seniors and full-time (at least 12 credit hours per semester) undergraduate students. The scholarship is partially funded through the proceeds from the Boxwood booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, Annual Boxwood Yard Sale and other activities.

The application form should be completed and returned by Thursday, June 30. A scholarship committee comprised of three Boxwood Village residents will choose this year’s recipient. For further information and/or to pick up an application form, email Pat McAndrew at pmcandrew@mzmlaw.net.

## GHI Holds Meeting On Transition Survey

GHI’s Board of Directors and the Transition Task Force will be holding a virtual membership informational meeting on Sunday, April 24 at 2 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the responses from the recent membership survey that will assist the board during the process of hiring a new general manager when the current manager retires.

Members must register in advance to attend. The link to register, the agenda and the report of the Transition Task Force are available at ghi.coop/content/membership-informational-meeting. After registering, members will receive a confirmation email containing details about joining the meeting.

## GAC Holds Auditions For Murder Unlimited

Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) will hold auditions over Zoom by appointment on Monday, April 25 for May’s Old-Time Radio play. Audition slots can be arranged by signing up before Saturday, April 23 through a link on the website greenbeltartscenter.org/auditions.

May’s feature is Silver Theater’s Murder Unlimited. In the play, a reporter tries to track down a gang that specializes in wholesale murder. The actors will participate in virtual rehearsals. The final performance will be recorded on Tuesday, May 17 and posted shortly after.

Although the actors will appear in the video, this is a radio play, and casting will be done based on vocal sound rather than age or appearance. All roles are open and everyone is encouraged to audition; this is a great opportunity for beginners who would like to try acting. Participation is entirely virtual. More information and the recordings of previous radio plays are available on the website.

## Golden Agers to Meet At Schrom Hills Park

The Greenbelt Golden Agers will meet in person on Wednesday, April 27 at 11 a.m. at Schrom Hills Park. Water and snack will be provided.

To join the Golden Agers email list, contact Becky Sutfin at rsutfin@greenbeltnmd.gov.

## Del. Washington Gives Session Recap

State Delegate Alonzo T. Washington is hosting a Legislative Session Recap event on Saturday, April 16, at 10 a.m. at the New Deal Café. He will give an overview of the major legislation approved by the General Assembly and take questions from residents.

## CROP Hunger Walk Returns Live on May 1

The annual CROP Hunger Walk is almost here. For the last two years, the Walk has been virtual due to Covid. Now the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission says groups like CROP can walk in person around Lake Artemesia. The CROP Hunger Walk will begin around 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 1.

The goal is to earn funds to stamp out hunger. Locally, half of the funds that walkers earn from their sponsors will go to Help By Phone of Prince George’s County. Help By Phone has eight food pantries in eight area churches. The other half will go to Church World Service (CWS), an ecumenical charity helping refugees and hunger situations since 1946. Part of what CWS earns will aide Ukrainian refugees.

Local groups like the Eleanor and Franklin Democratic Club, the Golden Age Club and Greenbelt Community Church have participated in the past.

Step-off is from the parking lot of the Linson Pool and Wells Ice Rink on Campus Drive. For more information, email Lyn Doyle at lynbob20770@yahoo.com. All are welcome.

## Museum Hosts Lecture On Women in WW II

What famous TV chef worked in the WW II spy business?

What famous actress was a scientist whose inventions are still in use today?

What WWII-era Miss America foiled a plot to steal her property by shooting the perpetrators’ tires out on their getaway truck at age 82?

Longtime Greenbelt Museum volunteer Donna Peterson will answer these questions and much more on Thursday, April 21 starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 201 (Multipurpose Room). This is a free in-person event, but attendees must register in advance via Eventbrite at eventbrite.com/e/women-of-world-war-ii-tickets-310799709297.

Peterson first came to Greenbelt in 1959 as her father was in the Army and was stationed at nearby Ft. Meade. She went to St. Hugh’s school and was married in the church there. After living in Virginia and raising a family, Peterson moved back to Greenbelt in 2012. Her interest in history was piqued when she began volunteering at the Dr. Samuel Mudd Museum in Waldorf. She volunteered there for 25 years and began lecturing with five different presentations on Women in the Civil War.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and the City of Greenbelt.

## GVFD Auxiliary Holds Community Yard Sale

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will hold its Indoor Community Yard Sale on Saturday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 125 Crescent Rd. Come help support the fire department and ladies auxiliary. Refreshments as well as homemade baked goods will be available for purchase. Tables are still available to rent. See the classified ad for details.

Masks are not required but may be worn if desired. The sale is handicapped accessible.

## Greenbelt Park Free Campfire Programs

Campground guests and the public are welcome to join in – under the stars – for a traditional National Park Service campfire program at the Greenbelt Park campground. The campfire program occurs every Saturday night this month. April 16 features an insider’s view on the nation’s capital and April 23 features a guest speaker from the College Park Aviation Museum.

For information, call 301-344-3944 or nps.gov/gree.

## GAC Presents Johnny Dollar Radio Play

Greenbelt Arts Center has posted April’s installment of their online Old-Time Radio Play series, Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar: Murder Is a Merry-Go-Round Matter, directed by Rikki Howie Lacewell. The video can be viewed free through a link on the website greenbeltartscenter.org.

In the play, tragedy strikes the midway in this crime noir tale from the one and only Johnny Dollar, America’s “fabulous freelance insurance investigator.” The carnival has come to town, but fun and games are in short supply while thrills and chills abound as Johnny investigates a series of accidents that have left carnival attendees wounded.

The original Johnny Dollar was a man, but is portrayed by a woman in this play, which features an all-female cast: Kim Alexander, Maeve Ballantine, Wendy Drescher, Mel Gilpin, Penny Martin and Megan Steinwedel.

More information and the recordings of previous radio plays are available at the website.

## Clothing Donation Drive on April 23

Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ’s next clothing and small hard-goods drive will occur on Saturday, April 23 from 8 a.m. to noon and Sunday, April 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The church is located at 1 Hillside Road.

Place soft goods in plastic bags and hard goods in boxes that one person could carry. Oversized items cannot be accepted. Provide an estimate of the number of bags and boxes to Ken Littlefield at kenlittlefield1@aol.com. The donations will be taken to Value Village, which pays the church. The church uses the money to help fund local charities including the Greenbelt Emergency Assistance Fund.

## Reel and Meal

# Film on Rosenwald Schools Will Be Screened on Monday

by Nancy Joy Allchin



PHOTO COURTESY DR. DOSTER

Interior of the refurbished Ridgeley Rosenwald School museum in Capital Heights, Md.

Reel and Meal will show the film Rosenwald at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 18 in person at the New Deal Café and via Zoom. Aviva Kempner’s documentary is the incredible story of Julius Rosenwald, who never finished high school but rose to become the president of Sears, Roebuck & Co. in the early 1900s. Influenced by the writings of the educator Booker T. Washington and inspired by the Jewish ideals of tzedakah (charity) and tik-kun olam (repairing the world), this Jewish philanthropist joined forces with African American communities throughout the Jim Crow South of the early 1900s to build over 5,300 schools for Black children – including more than 25 in Prince George’s County alone. Because of his modesty, his philanthropy and social activism are not well known today. After the film, Dr. Dennis Doster, Black history program manager with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, will speak about the Ridgeley Rosenwald School in Capitol Heights, which was restored in 2011 and opened as a museum.

Attendees are asked to wear a mask and show proof of vaccination for in-person viewing of the film. Registration for the Zoom viewing is required at


tinyurl.com/ReelnMealApr18. The Co-op Supermarket will offer a vegan meal. Pre-order at 301-474-0522 by 1 p.m. for pick-up after 4 p.m.

The Reel and Meal at the New Deal is a monthly film series focused on environmental, social justice and animal rights issues, presented by the Utopia Film Festival and the Prince George’s County Peace and Justice Coalition. This month’s film is sponsored by the Greenbelt Bahá’í Community. For more information see newdealcafe.com/events/reel-and-meal/april-18-2022-rosenwald or the Reel and Meal Facebook page at facebook.com/reelandmealNDC, or call Joy at 301-801-2071.



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Julius Rosenwald and Booker T. Washington



Greenbelt Access Television




### Greenbelt Access Television

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11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
Noon	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
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Sally Davies’ painting Fractured Truth won First Prize at the 53rd Annual Open Juried Art Exhibit. The show is on display at Montpelier Arts Center, Laurel, through May 1 (open Mondays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) Sally’s portrait in this exhibit is part of her series of paintings that spotlights courageous, strong and resilient women.

Congratulations to the OSIRIS-REx team at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center for receiving the 2022 John L. “Jack” Swigert, Jr., Award for Space Exploration. The team was awarded on April 4 by the Space Foundation, during the opening ceremonies of the 37th Space Symposium in Colorado Springs, Colo. The award commemorates the team’s extraordinary accomplishments in space exploration and discoveries made at asteroid Bennu. Read more about it at [nasa.gov/osiris-rex](https://nasa.gov/osiris-rex).

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).



Sally Davies poses with her painting at the gallery reception at Montpelier Arts Center.

PHOTO BY DERRICK EARLY



Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

Easter Event at Mowatt

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church will sponsor an Easter Event on Saturday, April 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. The celebration will include storytelling, bubble fun, a special appearance from the Easter Bunny, an egg hunt, WAGS photo booth, chalk drawing and cornhole games. The egg hunt will be divided by age group. Sign up for the Magical Egg Hunt in the Woods here at [signupgenius.com/go/30E094AA4AD2CA4FE3-magical](https://signupgenius.com/go/30E094AA4AD2CA4FE3-magical).

There will be a family clothing swap during the event. Bring gently used, clean clothes to Mowatt Memorial and place them in the plastic bin at the back door marked “Easter clothing swap” or simply drop clothes off between noon and 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Bring only clothes that you would pick for your family.

At 3:45 p.m. all events will halt for the release of ladybugs in honor of Earth Day next week. Many volunteers will be needed so come to 40 Ridge Road to help, if possible. For more information, call 301-474-9410.

The event is free and everyone is welcome.



Thomas Simon Memorial Service

The memorial service for Thomas Simon will be held Saturday, June 4. Those who wish to receive more information should email Nora Simon at [mail@norasimon.com](mailto:mail@norasimon.com).



Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church  
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt



Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
Find us on [facebook.com/mowattumc](https://www.facebook.com/mowattumc)  
301-474-9410  
Reverend Rivera, Pastor  
In-Person Worship Service 9:30 a.m.  
Happy Easter



Bahá’í principles call for “a world community in which the fury of a capricious and militant nationalism will have been transmuted into an abiding consciousness of world citizenship.”  
– Shoghi Effendi



Greenbelt Bahá’í Community  
[www.greenbeltbahais.org](http://www.greenbeltbahais.org)



Easter Sunrise Service  
Sunday, April 17

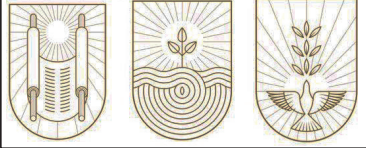
An ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service is planned for 7 a.m. on Sunday, April 17 at Schrom Hills Park. All are welcome. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket to sit on. Rain location is Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, 1 Hillside Road and Crescent Road.

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April 17 10 a.m.  
The Road to Emmaus

Chris McCann - DRE, Rev. Ann Kadlecsek with Worship Associate Diana McFadden

In this Easter service of story and reflection, we will draw on Christian text as we celebrate the mysteries of rebirth, renewal, and even resurrection, in life as we know it today.

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Holy Thursday

April 14, 7:30pm  
Mass of the Lord's Supper  
(Live Streamed on FB)

Good Friday

April 15  
Noon: Living Stations  
2pm: Traditional Stations of the Cross  
7:30pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
(Live Streamed on FB)

Easter Sunday

April 16, 8pm,  
The Vigil of Easter  
(Live Streamed on FB)  
April 17: 8, 9:30, and 11am  
Sunday Masses

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Catholic Church  
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The Paschal Triduum



Easter Changes  
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City Notes

Public Works Special Details prepared a grave at the Greenbelt Cemetery.

Horticulture/Parks planted 12 trees and Refuse/Recycling collected 27.72 tons of refuse and 11.27 tons of recyclables. Public Works added another charging station, installed lighting in the Municipal Building and replaced broken lights at the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

Animal Control created an exhibit for the Community Center display case. Six kittens and two cats were surrendered, while two cats were adopted. Now eight cats, 12 kittens and two dogs reside at the Shelter.

Several Recreation staffers attended the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association Conference in Ocean City and the Aquatic & Fitness Center reopened the stretching area in the Fitness Wing.

Spring Arts classes and open studio programs welcomed 320 participants enrolled in 47 programs for all ages.

Meal packs were delivered to 25 seniors, and two families received financial assistance.

At the Schrom Hills Park pavilion, park rangers welcomed the season’s first rental.

Greenbelt PORCH Pickup Times

Greenbelt PORCH has rolled out P.A.L. – PORCH At Large – for those Greenbelters who are interested in the PORCH program but don’t have a coordinator in their neighborhood. To participate, email Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com by noon, Sunday, April 17, with the donation address. Leave donations, marked RUAK or PORCH, by the front door and visible from the street. Ensure donated items are not past their expiration date. Everyone throughout Greenbelt is welcome.

The remainder of Greenbelt PORCH’s April schedule:

Sunday, April 17 – Boxwood Village and PORCH At Large by 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 23 – 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill by 11 a.m.

Sunday, April 24 – 9 and 12 Ridge Road by 4 p.m.; Lakeside Drive and connecting courts by 5 p.m.

Volunteers who would like to expand Greenbelt PORCH to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt are welcome. Anyone with questions or who is interested in being a volunteer or starting a new neighborhood for monthly food collection with Greenbelt PORCH, email Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com.

Call for Artists

The New Deal Café is looking for artists to participate in the Green Man group art show. The theme for Green Man this year is Celebrating Nature. The exhibit will be on view during May and June in the New Deal Café. Send submissions to artatnewdealcafe@gmail.com by Wednesday, April 27 for consideration. There is no limit on the number of submissions.

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City Information & Events

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MEETINGS FOR APRIL 18-22

Monday, April 18 - **NO MEETING - EASTER MONDAY**

Wednesday, April 20 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes of April 6, Budget Recommendation Discussion, New Business, Adjourn.*

Wednesday, April 20 at 7:30 pm, **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Call to Order, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes of February 16, Council Liason Update, New Business, Old Business, Recreation Department Update, Administration Report, For the Good of the Order, Adjourn.*

Wednesday, April 20 at 8 pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION – PLANNING/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, *In-Person*

*In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at greenbeltmd.gov*

GREENBELT EMERGENCY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION	DISTRIBUCIÓN URGENTE DE PAÑALES
The Greenbelt Nursery Project is supporting Greenbelt families in need of diapers on Wednesday, May 18	El Greenbelt Nursery Project apoya a familias en Greenbelt con la distribución de pañales miercoles, 18 de mayo
<b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b> <a href="https://forms.gle/tQYSvR2vArxMcLLz8">https://forms.gle/tQYSvR2vArxMcLLz8</a>	<b>SE REQUIERE REGISTRACIÓN</b> <a href="https://forms.gle/tQYSvR2vArxMcLLz8">https://forms.gle/tQYSvR2vArxMcLLz8</a>
Contact Katherine Farzin Office: (240) 542-2019 kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov	Contacto Katherine Farzin Oficina: (240) 542-2019 kfarzin@greenbeltmd.gov

YOUNGER ONSET DEMENTIA  
Thursday, April 21 at 7 pm

Does dementia run in your family? Are you concerned about Younger Onset Dementia? Join Lindsey Vajpeyi, on 4/21 at 7 pm. for a webinar on dementia and learn about early onset symptoms. Register today at: [ow.ly/XX6750IGM0s](https://ow.ly/XX6750IGM0s)

GREENBELT STATION COMMUNITY WALK  
Saturday, April 23 | Thursday, April 28

Neighborhood Design Center will host a community walk to inform a community led greenspace plan for the future of public green space in the Greenbelt Station neighborhood. The goal is to create welcoming and safe spaces that foster community connections and supports a healthy, inclusive thriving neighborhood.

Come share your ideas! Sign up to attend one of the meetings on Saturday, April 23 at 10AM or Thursday, April 28 at 6PM.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084babab2ba4ff2-greenbelt1>

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION  
Saturday, April 23 | 10 am - 1 pm

Buddy Attick Food Forest

Be a part of the community effort to revitalize the Buddy Attick Park Food Forest with a native planting. Volunteers will work with Public Works staff to install native landscape plugs and provide general maintenance for the area. Sustainable giveaways will be available for registrants!

Reminders:Bring a reusable water bottle; Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes; Students: bring community-service forms. Volunteers must register in order to participate

For more information, contact Environmental Coordinator, Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll: [kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov)

Public Preparedness Survey

The Prince George’s County Office of Homeland Security/Office of Emergency Management’s Public Preparedness Survey is now LIVE and OEM wants to hear from you! Residents are encouraged to complete this brief survey, which will help the County better prepare for, respond to, mitigate, and recover from natural and manmade disasters.

Complete the survey today at: <https://bit.ly/PGPublicPrep>

GREENBELT RECREATION  
2022 SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

Greenbelt Recreation’s 2022 Summer Camp Guide has been posted! Visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation) for more information

In celebration of Arbor Day, the City of Greenbelt will be handing out native trees and shrubs to residents to plant in their yards. All species are native to Maryland, are acclimated to our climate and provide food and shelter for wildlife.

Sign Up: <https://bit.ly/3LYmEnY>

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**ART STUDIO OPEN HOUSE**  
Sunday, May 1 | 1 -4 pm

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Art Studio Open House and visit the studios of the Greenbelt Community Center’s Artists in Residence on Sunday, May 1, 1-4 pm, Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. [ow.ly/2v9G50IHRsH](https://ow.ly/2v9G50IHRsH)

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**34TH ANNUAL POTOMAC RIVER WATERSHED CLEANUP**  
Saturday April 16 | 10 am - 1 pm

Indian Creek Trail off Cherrywood Lane  
**MUST REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER**

Join the City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works and the Alice Ferguson Foundation for a stream cleanup event as Greenbelt participates in the 34th Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup. Volunteers are needed to clean up litter along Indian Creek.

Reminders: Bring a reusable water bottle, wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes, bring community service forms.

Registration: Kevin Carpenter-Driscoll: [kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kdriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov)

**SATURDAY MAY 7 10 AM - 12 PM**

City of Greenbelt

**JOB<sup>20</sup><sub>22</sub> FAIR**

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**ELECTRONICS, STYROFOAM & PAINT RECYCLING**

**Saturday, April 23, 2022**  
**9 am - 12 pm**  
**Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent**

NO Alkaline Batteries or CFLs  
NO Tube TVs

**Questions? Call 301-474-8004**

**Greenbelt ARPA Funds Assistance Programs Update (as of 3/28/22)**

Rent and Utility Assistance  
· 264 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$1,046,217.98

Mortgage and HOA Assistance  
· 9 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$18,122.75

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# City-supported Organizations Reveal Depth in Public Service

by Cathie Meetre

A nearly three-hour council worksession on April 4 was devoted to organizations receiving city funds. Mayor Emmett Jordan introduced the attending organizations, encouraging each to describe their activities. Councilmembers also asked for specifics or congratulated the organizations on their achievements, especially during the difficulties of the Covid-19 pandemic.

### CARES

With a mission statement including the words “Dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in the community,” CARES Director Dr. Liz Park and Senior Service/GAIL Resource Advocate Christal Batey had plenty of ammunition to show fulfillment as they laid out the broad range of services they provide. Their organization is comprised of Youth and Family Services and Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL), which focuses on seniors.

Covid-19 was an ever-present factor during the year, affecting the nature, the range and the criticality of services provided. The testimony of Park and Batey showed the ingenuity of their approaches to helping Greenbelters face adversity during these tough times.

Prioritizing food and shelter in the hierarchy of needs, CARES coordinated distribution of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and rental assistance and coordinated with Meals on Wheels to help with food delivery as well as handling regular distribution of free food products. Staff shortages resulted in

fewer people to meet increased demand and two counselor positions remain vacant. CARES has recently used mostly remote methods – Zoom and phone calls, FaceTime and other services to fulfill its tasks, though as Covid-19 continues to wane, some in-person services are restarting. Having ramped up staffing during the pandemic, CARES can’t bring everybody back from work-from-home status, because there’s not enough space. Working remotely helps, and Park hoped the space study will offer some future in-house solutions.

### Remote Success

Batey said that the Memory Café program, serving people with dementia who remain living in the community, has done extremely well, especially compared to other similar programs in the area, despite relying on distance technology that doesn’t always succeed with seniors. Both representatives felt the pandemic has increased CARES’s skill in delivering and receiving virtual services, and recipients welcome not having to travel to an appointment. As a result, CARES staff accomplish more in less time and require fewer meeting and consultation spaces than previously.

As the pandemic wanes, CARES is reconnecting in person with those best served face-to-face as increased isolation and mental health challenges related to the pandemic, like increased hoarding behaviors, still need home visits and person-to-person contact.

### State Funds under Fire

On the negative side, \$65,000 in state funds anticipated for CARES’s pre-GED (General Educational Development Test) programs is under threat because the county chose not to put forward the city’s application for continuing funding for consideration by the governor’s Office for Children. This currently-operating city program serves young people 16 to 24 who test at 4th- or 5th-grade levels and are thus ineligible for regular GED programs. Park said they are continuing to work through County Councilmember Todd Turner to try to restore the funding, which would have started in July, to bridge to the current program. She noted that vulnerable individuals in this age group had become a critical concern due to increased levels of alienation during the pandemic evident in sharply increased anti-social or self-destructive activity.

### Families and Seniors

Batey waxed enthusiastic about the Greenbelt Nursery Project, a partnership with the DC Diaper Bank. This income-based program provides nursery equipment – car seats, strollers and playpens – to families at no cost, while Greenbelt’s own Pediatric Wellness program provides visiting student nurses pre- and postpartum in partnership with Washington Adventist and Bowie State nursing schools. The city’s diaper

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# FOGL Still Supporting Library

by Marsha Voigt

For the past two years the Friends of the Greenbelt Library (FOGL) have continued to support Greenbelt’s librarians and their programs, despite their Novel Endings bookstore being closed.

Their biggest support came in providing funds to purchase 400 English- and Spanish-language books for children and teens at the Library’s new pop-up location in The SPACE at Beltway Plaza – this in partnership with Shaymar Higgs, executive director of The SPACE. These books, plus computer peripherals, were purchased particularly to support the Franklin Park community.

The books have been well

read and a second purchase will be coming soon.

FOGL also paid for supplies to support the Library’s virtual and outdoor programming, an updated iPad for these programs and outreach, and for celebratory meals from local Greenbelt vendors to welcome the staff back and to celebrate the holidays.

FOGL elected a new president, Annie Shaw, who will be working on developing new projects with the library staff. Shaw would welcome residents contacting her to learn how to support the library by becoming a FOGL volunteer. She can be reached at 301-275-9870.

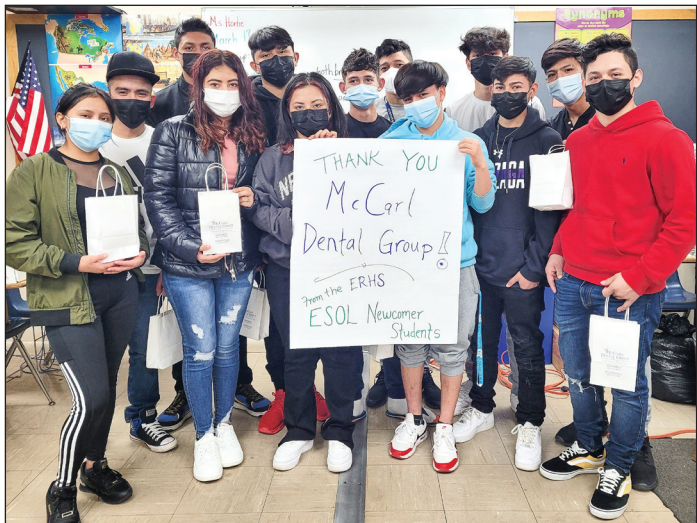


PHOTO BY YASMINE ZELAYA SEGOWIA, ERHS SENIOR

Recently, the McCarl Dental Group, Millersville office, donated dental hygiene goody bags to ESOL newcomer students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. These students were very happy to receive the wonderful supplies, and they took this photo to show their appreciation. MUCHAS GRACIAS Dr. Dave – they are all showing toothy smiles under their masks!

### Greenbelt Community Church United Church of Christ

Clothing / Small Goods Drive

**April 23 - 8 am to 12**  
**April 24 - 11:30 am to 1pm**

Soft goods in bags and hardgoods in boxes that one person can carry.

Books are welcome.

More info in Community Events

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### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Meeting of the GHI and GDC Boards of  
Directors on April 21, 2022

**A. GHI Closed Meeting – begins at 7:00 p.m. (closed to visitors and members)**

- a) Approve Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on March 3, 2022
- b) Consider Approval the Following Contracts:
  - Cost Increase Requested by a Contractor for 2022 Landscape Maintenance Contract – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading
  - 2022 Contract for Spring Concrete Repairs – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading
  - 2022 Contract for Gutter Cleaning – 1<sup>st</sup> reading
  - Separate Contracts for Repairs to Two GHI Units – 1<sup>st</sup> reading
  - 2022 Contract for Telephone Services for the GHI Administration Building – 1<sup>st</sup> reading
- c) Member Financial Matters
- d) Member Complaint Matters

**B. GDC Open Meeting - begins at 7:45 p.m. (open to visitors and members)**

- a) Approve Minutes of the Board Meeting Held on December 16, 2021
- b) GDC Objectives Arising from the Strategic Planning Work Session held on January 27, 2022
- c) Establish a date for the 2022 Annual Stockholders' Meeting

**C. GHI Open Meeting – begins after the GDC Open Meeting Ends (open to visitors and members)**

- a) Statement of a Closed Meeting Held on March 14, 2022
- b) Statement of a Closed Meeting Held on April 21, 2022
- c) Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on March 3, 2022
- d) Request from the GDC Board of Directors to Assign Tasks to the Buildings Committee
- e) Item of Information: Removal of Trees During the 2022 WSSC Sewer Rehabilitation Project
- f) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on April 21, 2022

To deter hacking, GHI requires persons who wish to attend the GDC and GHI Open meetings on April 21, 2022, to register in advance by accessing the following link:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0tfu6vrD8qGdb6KVBung87mlQuKOoJOTX9>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

To request a sign language interpreter for a board meeting, go to <http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form>, contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).



### Arbor Day

# Arbor Day Brings Free Native Trees, Bushes for City Residents

by Melissa Sites

Greenbelters enjoying the bright sun on Saturday were delighted to receive free native trees and shrubs from a trailer near the Library, and more trees are still available. In celebration of Arbor Day, the trees are being given away by Greenbelt Public Works to any city resident, one per household. According to the city website, "All species are native to Maryland, are acclimated to our climate and provide food and shelter for wildlife." To sign up for a tree, go to [greenbeltnmd.gov/government/public-works/green-steps-sustainability/arbor-day-tree-giveaway-registration](http://greenbeltnmd.gov/government/public-works/green-steps-sustainability/arbor-day-tree-giveaway-registration). Supplies are limited, so trees will be given out according to what is still available. Trees may be picked up on Saturday, April 30 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Public Works, 555 Crescent Road.

Several of the most beautiful early spring flowering trees are among the choices. The trees are suited to different soil and light conditions, and many are important plants in their ecological niche (see U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Native Plants for Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Landscaping: Chesapeake Bay Watershed, available at [nativeplantcenter.net/about](http://nativeplantcenter.net/about)). Eastern redbud, with its gorgeous pink flowers, does well in partial to full shade. Flowering dogwood, which does well in partial sun, produces not only its iconic flowering bracts, but also scarlet-red fall foliage and red berries eaten by migrating birds. Serviceberry (also known as shadbush, because it blooms when the shad fish run) produces delicate white flowers in spring, edible red



PHOTO BY MELISSA SITES

**Serviceberry trees are given away by Public Works.**

berries in June and attractive fall foliage. It has high wildlife value as a food source and host plant and also does well in partial to full shade and in moist to wet soils. The swamp azalea does well in full to partial sun and in moist to wet soils, so it's a great choice for a lawn with wet spots. Witch hazel, a well-known medicinal plant, and spicebush, the host plant for its eponymous swallowtail butterfly, both do well in partial to full shade. Two types of viburnum are also available.

Greenbelt is a Tree City USA community, which is an Arbor Day Foundation program. Arbor Day was first celebrated in Nebraska with the planting of more than one million trees on April 10, 1872. It is celebrated nationally on the last Friday in April and in Maryland on the first Wednesday in April, because now is a good time to plant a tree in this region. For instructions on how to plant, see [How to Properly Plant a Tree at arborday.org/trees/planting/containerized.cfm](http://How to Properly Plant a Tree at arborday.org/trees/planting/containerized.cfm).

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distribution program served 550 families last year. CARES also coordinates a program for seniors that delivers incontinence products to them. The Internet Essentials program is currently helping 18 families to participate in the program, which provides low-cost basic internet service to needy families and individuals.

## Greenbelt Museum

Megan Searing Young, Greenbelt Museum's director, was pleased to note that a recent researcher from Ireland found the museum a treasure trove for her book on women sculptors because of its wealth of information on Lenore Thomas Straus.

Other recent milestones included restarting the Retro Town Fair (anticipated again this year) and broadening the scope of the museum's focus beyond the homes and town to include the wider canvas of the New Deal and city planning – with plans for focus on other parts of the city and predecessor occupants of the area, including Native Americans.

The museum's guided walks continued through Covid (they are conducted outside) but the museum building has not yet reopened in the enclosed spaces. The walking tours are popular and frequently fully booked and the recent experiment of offering them through the AirBnB website as an "experience" has resulted in a significant uptick in demand from visitors to the area. A cellphone/GPS guide is planned which will allow visitors to orchestrate their own tours and a walking brochure is available for download. The Covid era has resulted in more technological options to delivering museum experiences (and they are less expensive to deliver).

During the year, the museum has run online lectures and has been working out how to integrate with the Recreation Department in its new placement within the city's organization. They continue to work on their funding methodology to be more aligned

with the Recreation model for fees and contributions.

### Addition, Remodeling

The museum is moving through the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. process for approval of the anticipated addition, pathway and other remodeling (in part to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements) but delays caused by Covid and rapidly increasing costs for materials and labor have reset targets. At present, the museum has approximately \$281,000 in hand for the work but the recently revised estimate to completion is \$576,000 for construction that has moved from 2022 to 2023. Council had a number of suggestions and avenues are actively being sought for additional sources of funding. Councilmember Colin Byrd echoed the praise for the museum's efforts and reminded them gently that all parts of Greenbelt are making history every day. The museum's website is [greenbeltmuseum.org](http://greenbeltmuseum.org) and its phone number is 301-507-6582.

## Washington Ear

Executive Director Neely Oplinger of Metropolitan Washington Ear, noted that her organization, which receives \$1,000 from the city, serves over 5,400 listeners. Among many other publications, it makes this newspaper available to blind and partially sighted individuals. The Ear has around 300 volunteers, six of whom currently hail from Greenbelt and between them have 99 years of service. Glenn Harris, also a News Review photographer, is one of the six and his reading voice was complimented as being "fabulous."

Council thanked the organization for the 24/7 radio stations and the availability of recordings from which listeners can choose. The Washington Ear also has an electronic newsletter and provides spoken commentary that describe action in live theater to help listeners get the sight gags or to visualize the approach of a creeping villain. To contact the organization, call 301-682-6636.

or visit [washear.org](http://washear.org).

## Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels of College Park (\$3,000 city contribution) kept up with needs even as demand for their services almost quadrupled during Covid-19, from 45 deliveries per day to around 200. Each client receives three daily meals on either a five- or three-day schedule at a cost of \$5 per day with some help available for those who cannot afford this token amount. If the delivery person doesn't get a response to their knock, the organization then checks to ensure the safety of the recipient, adding a layer of security to individuals isolated at home.

About 100 additional volunteers were added during Covid after each gained permission from their employers to contribute services while working from home. Chairman Lisa Ealley noted that their organization was the only Meals on Wheels service in Prince George's County with the exception of Takoma Park's county segment. They now serve College Park, Riverdale, Hyattsville and Greenbelt and would like to expand to many underserved county areas, but lack the resources. Recently forced to move from their College Park location, they are now housed in Riverdale. Meals on Wheels can be contacted at 301-927-2700 and information is available at [mealsonwheelsofcollegepark.org](http://mealsonwheelsofcollegepark.org).

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## New Greenbelt Listing




**1B Southway**  
**\$320,000**

This GHI home right at Roosevelt Center has been expanded with an entry-level bedroom and en suite full bath, for a total of three comfortable bedrooms and two baths. The upstairs study has been transformed into a walk-in closet. A screen porch on the garden side and a slate patio on the service side provide comfortable outdoor living space, and an opened up and renovated kitchen is a pleasure for the serious cook.

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which means opening to the public once more. Staff are focused on developing programs to again engage guests. Council was eager to assist in promoting this to city residents.

**Space Missions**  
Of the recent space missions, the list includes: NG-16 and NG-17 International Space Station resupply crafts; Landsat-9 observation satellite; the weather forecasting GOES-T satellite; and the asteroid study Lucy probe. The Laser Communication Relay Data satellite is poised to vastly improve communication between satellites.

With low Earth orbit missions now moving into the private sector, NASA is looking to establish a presence on the Moon, under the aegis of the Artemis Program, from which journeys to other places in the Solar System (namely Mars) can commence. NASA is dependent on purchasing its propulsion needs from commercial entities like Northrup Grumman.

The Center, said Rubilotta, has a robust program tracking the myriad pieces of space debris, which can threaten the millions in assets of devices orbiting the Earth. There is currently no international combined effort in this area, with each agency pursuing its own approach.

The International Space Station is approaching the end of its funding period, set to cease in 2031. Rubilotta said that this may be extended. The Moon-orbiting Gateway Station, part of Artemis, would be its likely successor.

**Area 400**  
The fate of Area 400, a mostly wooded 105-acre site at the Center, was of keen interest to council. Formerly used for propulsion development and now devoted to storage, the Center no longer has the funds to properly main-



Goddard's Visitor Center is set to reopen May 1.

tain it to agency standards and must divest it. Rubilotta assured council that, through ongoing discussions with the Department of the Interior, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Patuxent Research Refuge, the Center is making strong efforts to ensure that the site is never developed commercially or residentially. Rubilotta stressed NASA's devotion to addressing climate change and being good stewards of the environment.

While the majority of NASA areas are being properly funded, Rubilotta said that funding for the mission support directorate has "flatlined." While Congressional representatives have been made aware, Rubilotta stressed that "it is not a quick process."

**Upcoming Changes**  
The Goddard Facility Master Plan, which looks to revitalize the Center to meet its future needs, was approved by the agency this February. A panoply of new plants, laboratories and development facilities is planned, along with wooded areas.

The Center's gate will also be moved 0.3 miles east to the intersection of Greenbelt Road and

ICESat Road. Government and Community Relations Manager Phillina Tookes said, in a separate interview, that "construction activities will address pedestrian access to Greenbelt Road, access to public transportation and ICESat Road improvements," through the period of September to December 2022, in conjunction with the State Highway Administration.

**Parkway Access Bridge**  
On September 16, 2021, the Center's Baltimore-Washington Parkway access bridge was severely damaged in a trailer accident. It remains closed due to safety, with the Center working with the National Park Service on redesign and repair efforts. Rubilotta estimated a start of reconstruction, which will require a lane closure, at mid-to-post Fiscal Year 2023.

Mayor Emmett Jordan suggested creating a separate bike lane in the meantime, with Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby offering the city's services in finding alternate and safe bike routes.

**Intern Programs**  
Five hundred and three virtual interns were hosted in 2021, with a commensurate number expected in 2022. July 8, 2022 is the Fall application deadline. The Center also has a vigorous STEM Academic Research Experience, targeted to 11th and 12th graders from local schools; in the 2021-22 school year, six students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School were hosted. The virtual approach has provided an added tool to the learning experience at the Center. The hope at the Center is that many of these participants will further their scientific studies and pursue careers at NASA.

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transit, receiving immediate applause from attendees. Jain also said he was "deeply opposed" to it, particularly because there are no planned stops in Prince George's County.



Tom Perez

Greenbelt resident Neil Williamson was glad to hear Perez bring up his strong opposition to maglev. Potential damage to the Greenbelt Forest Preserve from the construction is a "critical environmental and life issue," he said.

"I can feel my blood pressure drop and my breathing return to normal when walking into the Forest Preserve. It's personal. Maglev is personal," Williamson said.

Gansler and Baron both said they supported a Red Line train in Baltimore, as well as the efficient completion of the Purple Line train in Prince George's and



Doug Gansler

Montgomery Counties. Neither voiced opposition to maglev.

Segal stressed the importance of affordable electric vehicles and charging infrastructure. Gansler and Baron both spoke about increasing access to electric vehicles.

Jain and Gansler each spoke about the need for affordable housing options centered around public transportation stops.



Jon Baron

Candidates were asked to speak about the education reforms that they would choose to implement if elected. Most chose to weigh in on the Blueprint for Maryland's Future.

Perez said he would implement the entire Blueprint because "budgets are moral documents." His opposition to Governor Larry Hogan's initial underfunding of Prince George's County and Baltimore schools was met with scattered applause from attendees.

Baron voiced support for the Blueprint as well, but said he would make adjustments to focus spending on tested programs like universal tutoring of first and second graders.

Jenni Pompei, candidate for the Board of Education District 2, said that she was glad to see support for the Blueprint and excited to hear the candidate's focus on Prince George's County schools.

Segal said he supported the portions of the Blueprint that

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Ob Cooler-Stith, 16, and Buster, enjoy an antique sewing table repurposed as a coffee table. The gift originated with the Buy Nothing Facebook group and was offered by Nancy Solomon.



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# Police Blotter

Incidents reported here are from Monday, April 4 to Sunday, April 10. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an enquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email [pd@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:pd@greenbeltmd.gov). Note that the times provided are when the incidents were reported.

**Break-In/Burglary**  
On April 5 at 7:21 p.m. near 9300 Edmonston Road, person returned from a vacation to what used to be a fully furnished home, now an empty residence, with two unknown suspects present. The suspects fled before officers' arrival.

**Suspicious Person**  
On April 5 at 8:45 a.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, Springhill Lake Elementary School was on a temporary lockdown in the morning due to police activity in the area. Officers were searching for a suspect seen carrying a knife and attempting to break into a residence. The suspect was apprehended in the area and transported to the hospital for an emergency evaluation. The school reopened later.

**Assault**  
On April 4 at 5:01 p.m. near 7700 Belle Point Drive, employee assaulted by customer at business. At 8:57 p.m. near 6200 Springhill Drive, three juveniles threw rocks at a person.

On April 7 at 5:40 p.m. near 6200 Breezewood Drive, juveniles were fighting.

**Auto Theft**  
On April 4 at 6:16 a.m. near 9200 Edmonston Road, rear glass window broken, personal property taken.

On April 6 at 6:58 a.m. near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, passenger window broken, handicap placard stolen. At 1:33 p.m. near 9100 Edmonston Court, passenger window broken, handicap placard stolen.

On April 7 at 9:02 a.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, a 2017 Honda Civic window broken, airbag stolen. At 9:29 a.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, a 2019 Honda Civic window broken, airbag stolen. At 10 a.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Terrace, a 2018 Honda Civic window broken, airbag stolen.

On April 10 at 6:34 p.m. on Laurel Hill Road, a 2018 Honda Civic window broken, airbag stolen. At 6:46 p.m. on Crescent Road, a 2017 Honda Civic window broken, airbag stolen. At 7:35 p.m. on Ridge Road, a 2021 Honda Civic window broken, airbag stolen.

**Auto Vandalism**  
On April 5 at 3:33 a.m. near 5900 Springhill Drive, vehicle's window smashed, nothing stolen. On April 8 at 10:13 a.m. on Hillside Road, vent visor broken.

**Burglary**  
On April 8 at 9:59 a.m. near 7700 Greenbelt Road, commercial burglary.

**Children Found**  
On April 9 at 1:38 p.m. near 9200 Springhill Lane, two unattended children located, reunited with family.

**DUI**  
On April 4 at 5:19 a.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, DUI arrest.

**Fraud**  
On April 4 at 12:38 p.m. on Laurel Hill Road, email fraud. On April 6 at 11:51 a.m. on Northway, bank fraud. On April 7 at 10:59 a.m. near 7200 Morrison Drive, wire fraud. At 2:03 p.m. near 6400 Ivy Lane, fraud.

On April 8 at 3:30 p.m. on

Ridge Road, check fraud.

**Gunshots**  
On April 10 at 9:55 p.m. near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, Officers located shell casings but did not locate any victims or damage to surrounding property.

**Missing Person Located**  
On April 9 at 5:32 p.m. near 6100 Springhill Terrace, juvenile female reported missing and later located.

**Shoplifting**  
On April 7 at 4:49 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, attempted commercial theft, adult female banned from property.

On April 8 at 3:19 a.m. near 7600 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft.

On April 6 at 9:27 p.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, officers responded to a report of a suspicious person and located an adult male under the influence of a controlled substance. The adult male was transported to the hospital for medical treatment.

**Theft**  
On April 5 at 4:46 p.m. near 5900 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft.

On April 5 at 8:14 p.m. near 100 Westway, package theft.

On April 6 at 3:32 p.m. near 100 Westway, personal property left in public area, stolen by unknown individual.

On April 8 at 2:40 p.m. near 6100 Breezewood Court, package theft.

**Trespassing**  
On April 8 at 1:19 a.m. near 6300 Golden Triangle Drive, adult male arrested and released on a citation for trespassing.

**Vandalism**  
On April 4 at 6:24 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road westbound, window of business broken.

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reported these sessions, along with focus groups with businesses, faith-based and other support groups, elicited valuable input.

Council then turned to Greenbelt CARES Director Dr. Elizabeth Park for an update on ARPA assistance provided to date. Park estimated up to 60 people remain on the waitlist from the city's ARPA housing and utility assistance that closed in 2021. These applications are being processed in batches to accurately manage rental assistance funds. Park and Mayor Emmett Jordan clarified the Prince George's County eviction process. The district court issues a writ, the county sheriff carries out the eviction, the property manager is responsible for sending eviction notices and judges can exercise an option to stay an eviction if a rental assistance application is in process.

Park and council discussed details for various city and county rental assistance programs. The county Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) limits applicants to 18 months of support, while Greenbelt ARPA funds are limited to \$10,000 per applicant, have income limits and require proof of Covid-related hardship. Resident Bill Orleans then asked if remaining funds could be used to prevent immediate evictions, and what city staff might do differently in these urgent cases, saying, "This pandemic did not cause more streets to need to be repaved but it did cause a need to help residents who lost work, who had health problems and other human needs." Park described county services related to imminent evictions, such as same-day services at the courthouse, and Jordan highlighted the city's non-ARPA assistance programs. Councilmember Judith Davis added, "People have to understand there are certain rules, policies and procedures that need to be followed."

In response to the recitation

of procedures, a Franklin Park resident described her impending eviction notice with a date of April 18. The resident was referred to CARES and legal services. Park emphasized the benefits of community legal services and that an eviction cannot happen without appropriate judicial proceedings. Councilmember Kristen Weaver relayed resident Michael Hartman's online question that if council discovers a small group in need, would there be any chance of helping them or do they just go on a waitlist? Jordan asked that Greenbelt CARES contact information be announced as a resource for everyone in attendance.

Council's enthusiasm and urgency then rallied as they congratulated and thanked Greenbelt Station and Franklin Park residents for participating that night. Councilmembers encouraged Greenbelt West attendees to consider volunteering for advisory boards and meetings, after which the audience filed out.

Later, council's agenda turned to the final planned ARPA discussion of the evening: whether or not the city should use the option of a standard allowance of up to \$10 million in the ARPA lost revenue category instead of itemized accounting. Councilmember Colin Byrd was concerned the \$9.5-million estimate of lost revenue through the standard allowance overstated actual losses and staff committed to sharing detailed calculations with council. This standard allowance has been much discussed with the Haverly Group, hired by the state of Maryland to assist in ARPA administration, and also with nearby

municipalities, the Maryland Municipal League, and the National League of Cities – there is general relief that the standard allowance eases complex reporting requirements. Weaver explained several times, "The standard allowance does not determine how Greenbelt City Council will decide to spend funds, it's just that it allows for more flexibility in reporting requirements." She emphasized council will still need to make the best choices about how to spend all remaining funds for the benefit of Greenbelters. City staff and council discussed potential projects recommended by the city, and Byrd emphasized funds should be spent on issues resulting from the pandemic, as opposed to capital or replacement projects.

City Treasurer Bertha Gaymon explained the fast-approaching deadline. The city must decide by its April 30 report whether to use the standard allowance or prepare a detailed itemized lost revenue calculation. Council ultimately passed a unanimous motion directing city staff to use the standard allowance.



## PGCPS Film Festival

The 10th Annual Prince George's County Public Schools Film Festival started on April 2 with a virtual screening to view student entries. Viewers are invited to vote for the People's Choice through Saturday, April 30. The schedule and information about a Zoom link is posted at [bit.ly/ShowcasePGCPS](https://bit.ly/ShowcasePGCPS).

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# Beltway Plaza’s The SPACE Now Expanded Beyond Art

by Haley Kerby



Shaymar Higgs relaxes in the Third SPACE, an expansion of The SPACE Free Art for All.

There’s more room at The SPACE! Located at Beltway Plaza, the new addition goes by the name The Third SPACE and is based on a sociological theory that it’s necessary to have a space outside of home and work. The Third SPACE is also literally the third piece of the studio.

The SPACE, a nonprofit community art and tech studio, is owned and operated by Shaymar Higgs, a member of the Arts Advisory Board for the City of Greenbelt who was also named Outstanding Citizen in 2021. Higgs says the studio concept started in his basement and has since become The SPACE, which stands for Sharing Positive Artistic and Creative Energies.

“It’s a place where everyone knows who you are ... there’s no pressure to buy anything, you can just hang out, have a conversation and meet new people,” said Higgs.

The SPACE started as a pop-up shop in 2018. Over 9,000 people have come through since, and before the pandemic, Higgs says “there were easily 200 people coming through every weekend.” The Third SPACE addition is located across from the original shop and opened just four months ago.

The studios operate Tuesday through Saturday during the day. Coffee, free WIFI and seating is available. A literacy program is also offered, providing free diverse books to the community.

This program is in partnership with the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System. Along with this, office space is available to rent for conferences, meetings and personal use.

Weekly events are hosted on Saturdays in the middle of the mall. This includes STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) days, led by the library system partners on the first Saturday of the month. Coffee with Whiskey, by poet-in-residence, Whiskey Girl, is offered every second Saturday. Family game nights and family art days are offered every third and fourth Saturday.

Since its beginning, many artists have already set up consignment agreements with the studio to sell their wares and crafts in The SPACE. Plans to regularly rotate and spotlight different artists are also in motion and set to start by the end of this year. Higgs says his plans for the future include keeping this studio afloat and continuing to expand its reach to the community.

Students from the University of Maryland have also begun creating a documentary about Shaymar Higgs and The SPACE which will premiere at the Old Greenbelt Theatre on Sunday, May 1.

To learn more about displaying one’s art at The SPACE and what services are offered, visit [freartforall.org](http://freartforall.org).



The SPACE Free Art for All stays open and ready for customers at Beltway Plaza.

- Photos by Haley Kerby

# Easter Egg and Scavenger Hunt Hosted by Volunteer Fire Dept.

by Haley Kerby

The Easter bunny hopped his way over to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department for a special appearance and photo opportunity on Saturday, April 9.

The Easter event, organized by the fire department, included an Easter egg and scavenger hunt. The egg hunt catered to kids of all ages. Bigger kids were able to search for eggs outside of the station on the grass and smaller ones searched inside for eggs that had been placed in and around the truck bay.

As for the scavenger hunt, clues were posted on the fire department’s webpage. Head organizer Lisa Hegwood explained there were four eggs hidden throughout the city and inside each was a certificate instructing winners to come to the station to receive a gift card as their prize.

While the hunt took place outside the station and around the city, games and goodies were offered to participants inside. Sparky, the firefighting dog, was also in attendance for kids to take pictures with in front of the station’s antique fire truck.

This is the second time the fire station has organized an Easter event like this and the first time that a scavenger hunt was added. Hegwood said that the department loves to put on these types of events for the community. “It’s a way to bring people of all ages together in celebration and to just have some fun.”

The fire department plans to hold a few more community events in the coming weeks, including an indoor garage sale on Saturday, April 30 at the station and a bake sale at the Co-op Supermarket on Sunday, May 15.



Colorful Easter characters challenge Greenbelt to find the prize-winning eggs.



Youngsters crowd around to get search instructions from fire department staff.

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